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TELEGRAMS.

HOME PARLIAMENT.

Brilliant Opening Scene At Westminster.

KING'S SPEECH AND COMING LEGISLATION.

[Service To the "Telegraph"]

Bombay, Feb. 15, 7.20 a.m.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

The weather was dull but dry, and Their Majesties had a splendid ovation while driving in State from Buckingham Palace to Westminster to open Parliament.

There was the usual brilliant scene in the House Lords, somewhat dimmed owing to Court mourning. The peeresses wore in black relieved only by their white plumes and veils.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

The King's speech says:— "Relations with foreign powers continue to be friendly. A state of war between Italy and Turkey unfortunately still exists. My Government is ready, whenever a favourable opportunity occurs, to join the other Powers in any mediation to terminate hostilities."

PERSIAN SITUATION.

"The situation in Persia continues to engage the serious attention of my Ministers who are in constant communication with the Russian Government regarding the Persian Government and with a view to re-establish order and tranquillity. Papers will be laid before you as soon as possible."

CHINESE REVOLUTION.

The speech proceeds: "I trust that the crisis in China will soon be satisfactorily terminated by the establishment of a stable form of Government in conformity with the views of the Chinese people. My Government will continue to observe an attitude of strict non-intervention. While taking all necessary steps to protect British life and property I fully recognize that the leaders of both sides in China have shown every desire to safeguard the lives and interests of foreigners resident in the Empire. Papers regarding this subject will be laid before you."

"I am glad to be able to announce that the Opium Conference has arrived at an agreement."

THE DURBAR.

The speech dwells on the Durbar, which furnished overwhelming proof of the devotion and loyalty of the princes, nobles and peoples. There were spontaneous manifestations of affection and loyalty from all classes in Bombay and Calcutta. We were not less moved by the welcome accorded to us on our return Home and by the sympathy shown at the personal sorrow which has overtaken my family."

TELEGRAMS.

HOME PARLIAMENT.

IN THE LIMELIGHT.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 7.20 p.m.

Mr. Asquith said that Mr. Bonar Law, referring to Mr. Haldane's visit to Germany had used the expression "limelight." As a rule the charge against the Government, and particularly against Sir Edward Grey, had been that of furtiveness, secrecy, and subterranean diplomacy, and it was rather a relief to find the Government carrying on diplomatic proceedings in the limelight. This, however, was a most serious matter, and he desired to use the language of seriousness as well as hope regarding it. (cheers.)

(A portion of this message has evidently gone astray. It proceeds:—)

A PURE INVENTION. Also Britain's armaments were carefully calculated with that object in view. He was almost ashamed to have to contradict so wild and extravagant a fiction (cheers). It was a pure invention for which there was not a shadow of foundation. Nor was there anything anywhere at any time of an aggressive or provocative character in the movements of the Fleet. The very fact, however, that such a rumour could find credence, not indeed by the German Government but in the minds of many intelligent and fair-minded people in Germany, was surely in itself a significant and regrettable symptom.

CHURCHILL'S SPEECH. Speaking on the address Mr. Bonar Law paid a tribute to Mr. Churchill's Navy speech and said that if the same spirit animated his policy he could rely on the support of the unionists.

CABINET CHANGES. Baron Sandhurst has been appointed Lord Chamberlain and Mr. C. R. Masterman Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

AMENDMENT TO THE ADDRESS.

It is officially announced that the Opposition amendment to the address will be moved on Feb. 19. It amounts to a censure of the Government for proceeding with legislation on great constitutional questions before carrying out its pledges to reform the House of Lords.

THE DURBAR ANNOUNCEMENT.

London, Feb. 14, 6.55 p.m.

In the House of Commons Sir H. C. Verney moved and Mr. Gladstone seconded the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition, said that he rejoiced at the success of Their Majesties' visit to India. He dealt with the transfer of the seat of Government to Delhi, and said that he considered that the expenditure would be far greater than the estimate. Mr. Law emphasised the undesirability of displaying to the Indian people a lack of continuity of policy.

Much could be said for and against the scheme, but the manner in which it was carried out was utterly unconstitutional and indefensible.

Mr. Law gave it as his opinion that the Insurance Bill would never be carried out, and he resorted to an interpolation by Mr. Asquith that the Unionists were prepared to repeal the Bill. He also combated Home Rule and made pointed reference to Mr. Haldane's mysterious mission.

In the House of Lords, Lord Sheffield moved, and Baron Furness seconded the Address. Lord Lansdowne urged caution in the matter of mediation between Italy and Turkey.

TELEGRAMS.

HOME PARLIAMENT.

THE VIRTUE OF PATIENCE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 7.20 p.m.

It was in that spirit and in the fresh light which this interchange of views afforded, that both Governments were now engaged in a careful survey of practical possibilities (cheers). He heartily endorsed Mr. Bonar Law's remark that in matters of that kind they must possess and exercise the virtue of patience (cheers.)

DURBAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. Asquith heartily endorsed Mr. Bonar Law's note of personal congratulation to Their Majesties. The Government took full responsibility for the Durbar announcements, which did not involve a reversal of the policy of partition of Bengal, but a rearrangement, in the light of experience, which, he believed, would increasingly commend itself. With reference to the charge of unconstitutionality, was the House of Commons consulted regarding the partition?

TARIFF AMENDMENT.

London, Feb. 14, 9.45 p.m. A back boncher is to move a tariff amendment. It will be supported by Mr. Bonar Law and his colleagues if opportunity arises for its discussion.

OPPOSITION SUPPORT.

London, Feb. 14, 10.25 p.m.

Lord Lansdowne in the Lords said that in the efforts to dispel misunderstandings such as recently brought Britain to the eve of a serious quarrel the Government had the support of the Opposition. If Lord Haldane had succeeded in contributing toward such an end and had been able to take anything in the nature of an olive branch the Opposition would congratulate the Government as heartily as its friends. He concluded by describing the programme outlined in the King's Speech as post-heretic.

LORD CREWE'S TRIBUTE.

London, Feb. 14, 11.30 p.m. Lord Crewe paid an eloquent tribute to Their Majesties the success of whose tour, he said, was mainly due to Their Majesties' devotion, fearlessness, simplicity and necessity. They had thus rendered a great service to the Empire.

Lord Crewe similarly paid tribute to Lord Haldane's visit.

UNIONIST LEADER EXPLAINS.

Mr. Bonar Law has written to the Press explaining that his statement that he was ready to repeal the Insurance Act might be taken as an opportunity for "falling" with it came in immediately after the Act was in operation and could only be dealt with by means of drastic amendments.

RETIREMENT RUMOUR.

London, Feb. 14, 4.35 p.m.

The ministerial changes have caused a flutter in political circles. The Conservatives continue to discuss the probability of Mr. Asquith retiring from the Premiership. The "Daily News," on high official authority, is denying the rumour about Mr. Asquith resigning and Sir Edward Grey succeeding or alternatively retiring from the Government.—Reuter.

LORD PENTLAND.

London, Feb. 14, 3.55 p.m.

It is officially reported that Lord Pentland (Secretary of State for Scotland) has been appointed Governor of Madras.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

THE NEW REGIME.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 9.20 a.m.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen and his Cabinet have resigned, the resignations to be effective on the appointment of the new President.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen urges the National Assembly to appoint Yuan Shih-kai President. He says that Nanking has been chosen as the capital and urges Yuan Shih-kai to come there. Yuan's compliance with this invitation is most doubtful.

WEI-HAI-WEI OUTBREAK.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 11.30 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Wei-hai-wei reports that the insurrection in the neutral territory at Wentong is anti-revolutionary. Hundreds have been tortured or killed, those without queues being specially liable to slaughter.

Marines from H.M.S. Kent are guarding the British boundary, pending the arrival of the Inniskilling Fusiliers.—Reuter.

YUAN AND SUN.

Bombay, Feb. 15, 7.40 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that Yuan Shih-kai having issued a manifesto announcing his appointment as organizer of the Republic, Sun Yat-sen has telegraphed refusing to recognise an appointment by the Throne and asking him to come to Nanking immediately or to send a plenipotentiary.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN NAVY.

INCREASE ESTIMATE.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 2.5 p.m.

A message from St. Petersburg states that the Russian Budget Committee has fixed the estimate of expenditure for the Navy for the current year at £15,903,000 sterling, an increase of £5,077,000 compared with 1911.—Reuter.

DENMARK AND JAPAN.

COMMERCIAL TREATY.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 2.5 p.m.

Copenhagen reports that a commercial treaty and tariff convention between Denmark and Japan has been signed.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

FLOODS IN SPAIN.

TERRIBLE DISTRESS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 2.15 p.m.

The correspondent of "The Times" at Seville describes the terrible condition of numerous riverside villages with an aggregate population of 43,000. All the villages have been flooded and the inhabitants are starving. They are being scantily supplied with bread carried in boats from Seville.—Reuter.

OUTLET FOR NYASA-LAND.

PROPOSED RAILWAYS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 8.25 p.m.

The Colonial Office announces, with reference to the proposals for securing for Nyasaland an outlet to the sea, that the Imperial Government has approved of a Protectorate and the Government is entering into an agreement with the British East Africa Company whereby the Protectorate may be established.

The Government is to purchase public lands to which the Shire railway is entitled and guarantee interest on the capital required to extend the railway to the Zambesi.

THE NORTHERN SECTION.

Portugal has been asked to consent to the passage of a railway through Portuguese territory simultaneously with the construction of the railway arranged through the Mozambique Company's territory from Beira to a point on the Zambesi opposite to the terminus of the Shire extension.

The agreement with reference to the Northern section is dependent upon the construction of the Beira-Zambesi section.—Reuter.

ESPIONAGE CASE.

STARTLING INTERVIEW.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 4.35 p.m.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that a sensation has been caused by the publication in the "Hamburger Nachrichten" of an interview with the Belgian Verrue, the chief witness for the prosecution in the Stewart espionage case. Verrue says that while he was an agent in Hamburg in 1907 for a London brewery firm, whose name he mentions, a director of the brewery wrote requesting him to enter the service of the British espionage bureau. Subsequently, he was engaged by the bureau at a salary of £250 a year. Later, he was dismissed by the brewery and, being shabbily treated by the bureau, he entered the German espionage service though continuing relations with the British. It was thus he met Mr. Stewart, who assumed a name, and described himself as an agent of the espionage bureau, and gave himself out at Bremen as a traveler for a patent brake supply.

TELEGRAMS.

THE REICHSTAG.

ELECTING OFFICIALS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 6.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Berlin says that two Radicals Kaempf and Dove have been elected President and second vice-President of the Reichstag to replace Spain and Tinsche.

The reelection was resuscitated by the Centre refusing to cooperate with the Socialists while the Liberals objected to having to associate exclusively with representatives of the Left.—Reuter.

LOS ANGELES.

OUTRAGES.

MANY ARRESTS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 0.40 p.m.

The arrests, following enquiries into the Maanmara affair, were effected to-day. Those arrested include officers of the International Bridge Structural Ironworkers residing in Chicago, Cincinnati, and Syracuse. Other arrests have been effected at New York and elsewhere.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

ESTABLISHING SHIPYARDS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 6.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Buenos Ayres states that the Government has authorized Messrs. Vickers to establish shipyards on the Plata.—Reuter.

REGIMENT OF AIRMEN.

TRENCH PLANS.

[Service to the "Telegraph"]

London, Feb. 14, 3.35 p.m.

A message from Paris to Reuter states that the Senate has debated the proposal to vote 200,000 francs for aviation and to establish an aeronautic regiment. M. Millerand explained that while fifteen dirigibles had been constructed for the army attention must be concentrated on aeroplanes.

M. Millerand hoped before the end of the year to mobilise thirty-two air squadrons, each having eight aeroplanes, carrying several passengers, and sixteen motor cars. There would also be thirty aviation centres with flying grounds.

The Chamber discussed the Naval programme submitted on the 10th inst. The speaker generally agreed that the programme was the minimum compatible with national safety and it was adopted by 453 votes against 73.

NAVY MUST BE READY.

M. Delcasse dwelt upon the naval activity of Austria-Italy and Germany, and said that France might content herself with a defensive channel to the Atlantic, but such a policy would be disastrous in the Mediterranean. The French Navy must be ready to attack any fleet threatening communications with North Africa.

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triumph. But now that the
Throne has effaced itself we hope
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agine that a new heaven and
a new earth has been given to
the Sons of Man. China is
but at the beginnings of her
troubles, for now she must set
about the task of reconstruction
and adapt the new conditions to
the old customs and bring about
a state of harmony without too
ruthlessly breaking with the past.
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foundation to work upon in the de-
mocratic polity which has always
been the basis of her system of
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be pursued unhampered by the
difficulties which now beset the
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Daily Press.

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may well defer to a later period;
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merely to say that his departure
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inely regretted, and that his future
career in a sphere which allows
vastly greater scope for his
administrative genius will be
followed from Hongkong with the
deepest interest. His Excellency,
we understand, will be leaving
Hongkong as soon as Lady
Lugard is sufficiently well to
travel. That her Ladyship has
not been privileged to enjoy
better health in the Far East has
been profoundly regretted, and
it will sincerely be hoped that the
long sea voyage and the change
of climate will effect a complete
restoration to health and enable
her Ladyship to again identify
herself with His Excellency's work
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South China Morning Post.

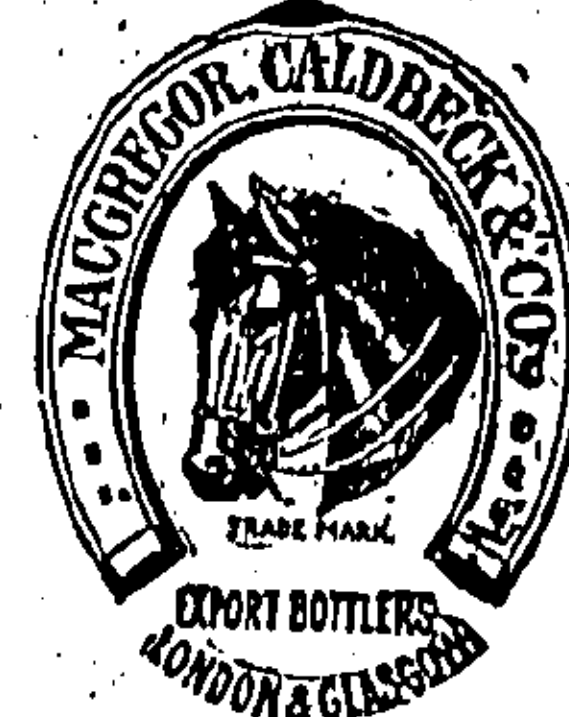
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mand that the monarchy be main-
tained, if with strictly limited
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DEATH.

KENNEDY.—At the Peak Hospital on the 15th, Miss ETHEL MAUD WATSON KENNEDY, aged 22. Funeral passes the Monument at 9 a.m. on Friday.

The object of this paper is to publish correct information, to serve the truth, and print the news without fear or favour.

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CRICKET AND THE EMPIRE.

The M.C.C. team has won the fourth test match and the rubber. The mythical "ashes" have once again been recovered. It is about the most interesting and important event of the moment. That statement may be questioned by those who deplore the interest taken in sport and who quote Mr. Kipling's "flannelled fool at the wicket and muddled out at the goal" in support of their attitude. It is true none the less. When you come to think of it, how many events which seem of profound importance, national or international, ever come to anything? For the most part they make good newspaper stories for a day or two; then they fizzle out and are no more heard of. In many instances the end of them is never published. Some better "story" crops up and what on Monday promised big things and was set forth with striking headlines, is dismissed on Thursday with three lines, if it is noticed at all. Any careful reader of the Home papers can bear out this statement.

The point is, then, that events of seeming importance have very often merely a manufactured value. But we do actually and definitely know that this recapture of the "ashes" has been noticed and discussed in every corner of the Empire. Interesting in itself, it is being debated in England, in Australia and in South Africa in relation to the triangular tests in England more than a year hence. And any event which excites the Home country and the Dominions, which interests (it is safe to say) every other male citizen of this great Empire, which sets their minds leaping ahead in speculation, is not an event of minor importance. When men at Home, in Australia, in South Africa find a common interest in the success of the M.C.C. team and common ground for thought and action in the probable outcome of the triangular contest, they are insensibly drawn nearer to each other. The bond of kinship is strengthened. This is the Imperial aspect of cricket. It is an aspect scoffed at by many, but not by careful judges of the times—or of human nature.

It is good to find that the Old Country is far from being a back number at cricket. She has passed through her bad time and her colts of a year or two ago are now welded into a strong-going team. Australia at present appears to be relying largely upon men who have passed their best days, and her colts require training for international cricket. South Africa possesses a team which, with experience, should improve quite a deal. Everything, however, points to a victory for England in the three-cornered contest next year. But whether to England goes victory or not, the eyes of every sportsman in the Empire will then be focussed on that little island which to most of them is Home. And that cannot but have an effect in bringing closer in spirit the units which go to form the mighty whole.

DAY BY DAY.

A wise man makes all his passions subservient to his reason.

To-day's Paper.

Those who are interested in the price of silver, and there are few who are not, will find an article on page 3 well worth reading. On page 8 appears an account of an unconventional advertisement and what came out of it.

At the Magistracy, to-day a resolution: a soldier was fined \$50 for being in unlawful possession of a sword.

Police Inspectors Hardie and Panton, we are pleased to record, have been granted third class medals for long and meritorious service.

A coolie has been found dead in a lighter close by the S.S. Hop Sang. He was not employed on the lighter. The body was taken to the mortuary.

A boy about five years of age fell from a window of a house in Leo Yuen street, yesterday and died whilst being conveyed to a Wanichai dispensary.

We learn that Mr. J. H. Taggart has received the substantive appointment as Manager of the Hongkong Hotel, and congratulate both Mr. Taggart and the Hotel.

A woman who was arrested last night for behaving in a disorderly manner and who was to appear at the police court this morning, failed to fulfil her obligation, and her bail of \$25 was exonerated.

We have received from Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co., a handy pocket book issued by the General Accident, Fire and Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd., for which Messrs. W. G. Humphreys & Co. are agents.

The R. I. M. S. Northbrook with the 24th Mountain Battery arrived from Rangoon yesterday. Among those on board were: Major L. L. Hopper, Capt. and Mrs. I. S. Cobbe, Lieut. W. D. Lindsay, D. G. T. Sneyd and F. A. S. Morgan three native officers, one sub-assistant surgeon and 307 rank and file.

On the occasion of the termination of the Romanoffs, the Russian Postal Administration has decided to issue a new series of Commemorative Stamps. Contrary to those in present issue, the Imperial Eagle will be omitted, and instead thereof the effigy of all the late rulers of the Empire substituted. The one kopeck stamp will bear the facsimile of Peter the Great.

Obituary.

It is with regret that we announce the death of Miss Maud Kennedy, which took place this morning at the Peak Hospital, where she had recently undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Kennedy was a niece of Mr. Kennedy of the well known repository and coaching establishment.

Marine Court.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commander C. W. Beckwith R.M. the master of the S. L. Bailey was summoned for lying alongside the Blake Pier in such a manner as prevented free access thereto for other vessels. The defendant was dismissed with a caution.

Chun Hi owner of the S. L. Wui On was summoned at the instance of P. P. Lonsfey for plying for hire in the waters of the colony without having a licence. He was fined \$25.

An Alry Rumour.

One of the most extravagant of the rumours which have gained currency during these past few weeks was alive in the French Concession on Thursday afternoon, says the "N. C. Daily News" of Feb. 10. About 3 p.m. a man coming from the City into the Concession announced that at four o'clock Dr. Sun Yat-sen would arrive on the Race Course from Nanking by aeroplane. Wild though the suggestion was, it nevertheless gained credence, and between four and five o'clock many Chinese in Rue du Consulat could be seen craning their heads in the direction mentioned. Needless to say they were completely disappointed.

THE OTHER WOMAN.

An Interesting Case.

Before Judge Gompertz to-day, a woman named Yui Mun Fan, alias Ohui Yui Shai, sued Ohui Sia Cho for \$300 which she alleged was owing to her under a maintenance agreement made before the Registrar General.

Mr. Crow appeared for the complainant and Mr. Lewis for the defendant.

Mr. Crow in his opening statement said that the case had been before his Lordship on several occasions and he had not heard what had been said.

His Lordship: You can have a copy of my notes if you want it.

Mr. Crow said that the facts were that the complainant was the legal wife of the defendant and she came to Hongkong in 1907. Since that date her husband had carried on a prosperous business as a rice merchant. Towards the end of 1910 defendant purchased a concubine and became so cruel to his wife that to live with him was entirely impossible. In consequence of this conduct she sought a separation and under the recognition of the Registrar General an agreement was drawn up and entered into by both parties. It was in consequence of arrears in the alimony granted to complainant that they had that action before the court. The parties had lived happily together until the advent of the second woman.

Mr. Lewis contended that there was a statutory liability and she could only enforce it in a police court.

His Lordship said that if a husband ill-treated his wife and thereby caused her to leave his premises there was no doubt she could recover from him a reasonable sum for maintenance.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow week.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

A Kowloon Sensation.

Yesterday afternoon two Chinese went into one of Messrs. Watson & Co.'s mineral water depots at Kowloon during tiffin time, when the coolies who work on the premises were away. The only person present was an elderly man, who is employed as assistant manager. One of the men asked where a certain employee was and whilst the old man was answering the query the other man advanced, and caught him by the shoulders and throat. The intention of the men were to rob the safe which contained a good deal of money. One of the men went so far as to throw pepper into the eyes of the unfortunate man. Gallantly enough the old man stood up to his aggressors and bringing to bear a knife which he had been using for tiffin he slashed at them. He succeeded in cutting one of them from lip to ear, opening up the jaw and slashing severely the tongue.

The other man called out in Chinese "Save life" and this called the attention of the Indian watchman who was at the outer door. The robbers made off but the watchman secured one, and calling to a number of soldiers belonging to the 120th Beluchis regiment had the other culprit captured. They were taken to the police station and on being searched one man was found in possession of two long Turkish daggers, and a quantity of pepper in a pepper box.

They were brought before the Magistrate, this morning, and remanded until the 22nd.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Theatrical Performance.

Towards the gathering of funds for defraying the cost of a new playground, and pathways the scholars of St. Joseph's College gave a very interesting performance of a four-act play, entitled "The Prodigal Law Student" before a large audience, including Bishop Pozzoni last night in the college hall. The plot concerned the doing of a scapegrace student who got into the hands of money lenders, ruins his father, but eventually makes everything turn out right by deeds of

heroism on a sinking ship. The outstanding performers were P. H. Prevost in the principal part, and C. T. Lam in the ruined father, while V. Racana made a most admirable villain. The dramatic personae were:—

Frederick, a law student, P. H. Prevost; Mr. Martin, his father, C. T. Lam; Angelo, his brother, G. Vas; Alfred, his friend, M. Baptista; Tightlist, a Wall Street broker, V. Racana; Mr. Richards, a friend of Mr. Martin, J. Reyes; Professor Allgood, teacher of Angelo, C. Wing Hun; Gen. Zouaves, U. S. A., Commander of Zeaves, R. Baumann; Harry, John, Foster, Eugene, friends of Frederick, H. Lopez, G. Best, H. Reich and E. Ozorio; Phineas, an Irish visitor, F. Banjo; Dr. Frizby, a surgeon, C. Kai; Admiral Ross, U. S. A., R. Baumann; Captain Henderson, U. S. A., L. Gomes; Jesso, Jake, Bob, Sponser and Samuel, attendants, G. Carvalho, A. Baumann, F. Kennedy, E. Rozario and A. Osmund. Minor parts were taken by C. Ceron, J. Pass, F. Kennedy, E. Rozario, L. Osmund, A. Osmund and L. Remedios.

TRAINING NOTES.

This Morning's Work.

The going this morning was rather heavy or at least not speedy. The sky was dull and overcast and galloping commenced late. Many ponies were out, but in a good number of instances only tame cantering was indulged in. The placing of the number board referred to yesterday in this paper has been altered and now it is more usefully located.

Speaking of the business proper a most creditable performance was that of Royal Rose over ten furlongs. Going the first quarter of a mile in 35.1-5, this smart little pony completed the distance in 2.4-0, negotiating the four hundred and forty yards run home in 31.1-5. Favourite too, shaped like a racer traversing a mile in 2.21, taking 31 dead for the last quarter. Braden Hill, however, made light of that by doing a similar distance in 2.15-1-5; last quarter 32.4-5. Rejected maintained his characteristic consistency and in 2.17-3-5 with 33.1-5 for the last quarter, negotiated eight furlongs. One not heard of too much lately is Esperanto, yet this morning it found little difficulty in striding over a mile in 2.17. Considering the course was by no means fast times were very creditable on the whole.

The following is a list of the most interesting performances:—

Tickay (1 mile) 40, 1.20, 2.1, 2.34-4.5, 33.4-5.
Liechen (1 mile) 38.4-5, 1.15, 1.51-1-2, 2.24, 32.1-2.
Rejected (1 mile) 30, 1.10, 1.44-2.5, 2.17-3-5, 33.1-5.
Auchenloo (3-4 mile) 30, 1.10-4-5, 1.50, 33.1-5.
Cleric (1 mile) 34.1-5, 1.7-3-5, 1.41, 2.13, 32.
Favourite (1 mile) 30, 1.14, 1.50, 2.21, 31.
Brushwood Boy (1 mile) 35.1-2, 1.10-1-2, 1.45, 2.17-1-2, 32.2-5.
Royal Rose (1.1-4 mile) 35.1-5, 1.9, 1.43-3-5, 2.17-4-5, 2.49, 31.1-5.
Braden Hill (1 mile) 34, 1.8, 1.42-2-5, 2.42-2-5, 2.15-1-5, 32.4-5.
Capello (1 mile) 38.2-5, 1.13-1-5, 1.48, 2.19-1-5, 31.1-5.
Diabolus (1.1-4 mile) 38.4-5, 1.14, 1.48, 2.21-3-5, 2.54-3-5, 33.
Snowstorm (1.1-4 mile) 38.4-5, 1.14, 1.48, 2.21-3-5, 2.54-3-5, 33.
Madrigal (1 mile) 30, 1.12-3-5, 1.48-2-5, 2.21-2-5, 33.
Esperanto (1 mile) 37, 1.10-1-5, 1.44-3-5, 2.17, 32.2-5.
Gordon (1.1-2 mile) 41.2-5, 1.10-1-5, 1.52-3-5, 2.23, 3.4-3-5, 3.30, 34.2-5.
Alacrity (1.1-2 mile) 41.2-5, 1.19-1-5, 1.52-3-5, 2.23, 3.4-3-5, 3.30, 34.2-5.
Madrigal (1 mile) 30, 1.12-3-5, 1.48-2-5, 2.21, 33.
Rosyth (2-4 mile) 37, 1.11, 1.45, 34.
Sevington (1.1-2 mile) 38, 1.13-2-5, 1.49-2-5, 2.24-4-5, 30.3-5, 3.34, 33.3-5.
Odecombe (1.1-2 mile) 38, 1.13-2-5, 1.49-2-5, 2.24-4-5, 30.2-5, 3.34, 33.3-5.

THE ARBITRATION CASE.

Ninth Day.

To-day was the ninth day's hearing of the arbitration case, being conducted before the Chief Justice to decide the amount of compensation which should be awarded certain Chinese owners of property in Yauwatti, who claim for compensation in view of damages caused, or likely to be caused, by the reclamation. The Attorney General, instructed by Mr. J. H. Komp, appeared for the Government, and Mr. Slade, instructed by Messrs. Beavis and Holbrow, and Mr. Noodham each representing different clients, appeared for the claimants.

The Attorney General said that on Wednesday his Lordship desired to know what the objects of the Government were in making the reclamation. The Director of Public Works was present and he would give his Lordship any information he desired.

His Lordship:—Had and have. The difficulty I have is this: Practically one way of looking at the claim for compensation, is that there would be merely 600 feet of open ground in front. I am not quite sure whether that is quite a fair way of looking at it. Supposing a whole series of streets of houses were built, it seems to me that the effect on these claimants might be very much more serious. Supposing a series of godowns were built in front of these houses. It seems to me that the damage might be very much higher. My difficulty is also this, that of course these people's claims will be dealt with once and for all, and therefore I feel bound to see what the ultimate and the largest possible damage might be.

Hon. Mr. Chatham in the course of his evidence said the principal object of the reclamation was the removal of the possibility of the formation of an insanitary area. His Lordship:—What are they going to do with the land which they reclaim?—It will be disposed of in some way.

Yes, but two of these plots are being reclaimed by private owners, and they are used now for coal stores. From the plan it looks rather as if the Government meant to develop the property into building sites. Of course that is a possibility.

Has nothing been decided yet?—No, nothing.

It is quite possible that the land may be developed into building sites—Yes, quite possible.

Could you enlighten me. How was it that private people were allowed to reclaim?—The area in these cases were sold to private individuals for purposes of reclamation.

Of course that was begun before the Harbour of Refuge?—Yes.

The Government apparently wanted that part reclaimed? Some of it they did themselves, and allowed private individuals to do some?—Yes.

The reclamation of this little harbour shown on the plan was contemplated before the Harbour of Refuge?—Yes.

Can you tell me when?—I think the first talk arose about 1902.

Mr. Slade: I think Mr. Chatham has forgotten the dates. They arose in 1901.

Mr. Chatham: That may have been so.

His Lordship:—When was the plan prepared?

Mr. Chatham: Possibly about that time. Then the Government has availed itself of the reclamation as a convenience for the Harbour of Refuge?—The Government did side that this area must be reclaimed.

His Lordship asked if it was likely that godowns would be erected.

Hon. Mr. Chatham: I think it is quite possible that some considerable portion of this area will be used for storage purposes of some kind.

His Lordship: Storage or building?—I think some portion will be used for the construction of ordinary houses, but I think a considerable portion will be used for storage purposes. The case was proceeding when we went to press.

TELEGRAMS.

HUMANE SOCIETY.

STANHOPE GOLD MEDAL.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Feb. 14, 10.20 a.m.

The Humane Society has awarded the Stanhope Gold Medal for the bravest deed of the year, to Mr. Charles C. Halliday of the Cunard Company.

When second officer of the Glasgow steamer *Liver Clyde* in November, 1910, he attempted, at great risk from sharks, to rescue a Chinese fireman in the Red Sea.

THE NAVY.

LIQUID FUEL.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Feb. 14, 10.20 a.m.

The Admiralty has placed heavy contracts with the Scottish oil companies for liquid fuel for the Navy, including refined oil for submarines, with the purpose of erecting storage tanks at Rosyth.

INTERNATIONAL

CRICKET.

HILL'S SUCCESSOR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that Edgar Mayne has replaced Clem Hill on the Selection Committee—Reuter.

SUGAR CONVENTION.

AN AGREEMENT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 14, 5 a.m.

From Brussels it is reported that at the Sugar Conference an agreement has been reached whereby the Convention is to be renewed for another five years, while Russia is to be allowed to export an extra 150,000 tons in 1911-12 and a further 100,000 tons in each of the following years, the number of which remains unsettled.—Reuter.

LABOUR TROUBLES.

BRISBANE STRIKE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Feb. 14, 5 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney telegraphs that the representatives of sixteen thousand transport workers have declared the Brisbane strike illegal, and have consequently prohibited a strike in sympathy.

COMPANY MEETING.

The Toerangle Rubber Co., Ltd.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders in the Toerangle Rubber Co., Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the Secretaries, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews. Those present:—Messrs. C. D. Wilkinson, in the chair, M. W. Slade, K.C., P. Loureiro, E. Ormiston, N. F. Bland, Josk, Willis and E. A. M. Williams for the secretary.

The business before the meeting was the consideration of the following resolution:—

"That Mr. Gray be authorised to negotiate, and conclude a contract, with the Rubber Investment Trust Limited, for the sale of the property and assets of the company to a new company to be formed and registered in London by or under the auspices of the Rubber Investment Trust upon the same terms as by the resolution of the company passed on November 22 last, and confirmed on December 9 last, it was resolved to sell the said property and assets to a new company to be formed by, or under the auspices of, the United Lankat Plantations Company, Limited (the name of the Rubber Investment Trust, Limited, being submitted for that of the United Lankat Plantations Company, Limited, in such terms); with the addition thereto that options on 6,000 shares in the new company to be formed be given to the Rubber Investment Trust, Limited, or its nominees."

The Chairman said: Gentlemen,—The circular accompanying the notice convening this meeting serves to explain to you the reason why the meeting was called. It being most undesirable that we should again be placed in the same uncertain position as that in which we have been left for the last few months by the U.L.P.C. and with the knowledge we possessed that the shareholders here would be very reluctant to pass any resolution to accept an offer which they were not assured was binding, a telegram was sent off to Mr. Gray last Wednesday to the effect that the members would insist upon receiving a binding offer before considering it. In answer to this, a telegram has been received from Mr. Gray to the effect that the offer of the Rubber Investment Company is a firm offer, from which it is to be gathered that the constitution of that company renders it unnecessary for a general meeting of the company to confirm an offer made by its representatives.

That being so, it may be assumed that we are in a position to conclude a contract with the R.I.T. upon the terms of their offer should we think fit to do so. But, in giving the matter serious consideration, and after ascertaining the views of several principal shareholders, your directors came to the conclusion that unless special circumstances exist rendering the proposed connection with the Rubber Investment Trust highly advisable, the offer which requires the giving of options in respect of 6,000 shares lasting for a period of five years could not be deemed acceptable. We therefore sent a further telegram to Mr. Gray on Saturday to the effect that the directors were unable to recommend the offer with those options. To this telegram no answer has as yet been received. Your directors are nevertheless of opinion that although they feel they cannot recommend the acceptance of the R.I.T. as it stands it is just possible that some special circumstances may exist and may be disclosed in the letter Mr. Gray doubtless wrote in confirmation of his telegram, which circumstances may render it advisable to come to terms with the R.I.T. We therefore propose that a resolution be moved to adjourn this meeting say for three weeks, by which time we shall no doubt have received a full explanatory letter from Mr. Gray. If this be done we should then telegraph to Mr. Gray that the meeting had been adjourned, awaiting his letter. More especially does it seem to us to be advisable to adjourn the meeting in view of the fact that another company, the Rubber Estates Agency, has also through Mr. Gray telegraphed an offer on more or less similar terms to those of the R.I.T. which offer ought also to be considered by

this company before that of the R.I.T. is definitely accepted or refused. The special business for which this meeting is called is merely to consider the one offer. At a subsequent meeting, if due notice is given of the business transacted, both offers may be considered. If you agree, gentlemen, it is not worth while to go further into this matter at the present time.

Mr. Slade thought that an adjournment for three weeks would probably be too short, and he thought the best plan would be not to accept the offer—that was to say, not to pass the resolution, and to authorise the directors to continue negotiations with such persons in London as they may think proper, to ascertain what were the best terms that could be obtained for the floating of a company in London. The mere adjournment of this meeting would not give any advantage that could not be obtained by the method he suggested.

The Chairman:—Except that adjournment does not mean rejection.

Mr. Slade:—Oh no! I did not mean that.

The Chairman:—Will you move it as a resolution?

Mr. Slade:—If nobody proposes or seconds the resolution before the meeting, it will drop. Then I will propose this as a fresh resolution.

There being no mover or seconder to the resolution set out above, Mr. Slade moved:—That the directors be authorised to negotiate with the Rubber Investment and any other companies or persons in London with a view to the promotion of a London Company to take over the assets of the company on the best terms obtainable.

This was seconded by Mr. Ormiston, and carried unanimously.

JAPAN'S LITTLE WAR.

Fighting in Formosa.

Official reports dated Jan. 29 on the work of subjugating the insurgents in Formosa run as follows:

For the purpose of quelling the refractory aborigines of the Hokuseikan tribe, living scattered along the reaches of the Daiankai river, which have hitherto remained immune from the attacks of the subjugating expeditions, the Shinchiku detachment, under Mr. Iyemaga, head of Shinchiku district, about 1,400 strong, and the Taichu detachment, led by the Chief of the branch district office, 680 men in all, commenced a march upon them on the night of January 22, and advanced upon their objective by wading the Daiankai stream under cover of darkness.

The latter party had an encounter with the enemy between Usukiko and an eminence popularly called Robugo hill on the morning of the following day, the 23rd, while the Shinchiku party came into touch with the tribesmen at about the same time at a place between the hilly district at the foot of Robugo, and the Daiankai river. A vigorous fire was exchanged at once and is still being kept up. The Commander of the two detachments ordered up the artillery, which seems to be still showering shells upon the enemy's camp. The enemy has offered quite a stubborn resistance to the two expeditionary parties, so that all are fighting the aborigines with the more energy and determination to subdue them. Thus far this list of casualties on our side is relatively slight; five policemen, ten Aiyu ("braves"), and one labourer killed; and one assistant police-sergeant, five policemen, and two Aiyu wounded.

Reports from the front continue to tell of incessant and bitter fighting along the line of attack. The aborigines will not yield even an inch of their ground, but on the contrary, they are plucky enough even to assume an attitude of counter-attack. So a relentless muckety-fire has been kept up. The loss on the side of the expeditionary parties since the preceding report is: one assistant police-sergeant, two Aiyu, and one labourer wounded.

The enemy has sustained some loss, but the exact figures of the killed and wounded cannot yet be obtained. Despite the hard fighting continuing for so long,

the aborigines still retain enough spirit to offer resistance, and to keep to their position.

The advance party began an aggressive movement again on the night of the 27th, and, under cover of darkness, they made a night assault upon the enemy, and succeeded in driving them from their entrenched position. Thus the first objective of the expedition, that is a rising ground to the right of Robugo hill, was securely occupied by them on the morning of the 28th.—"Japan Times."

DON'T FORGET.

Thursday, Feb. 15.

Hongkong Church Missionary Association, annual meeting. St. Paul's College, 5.30 p.m.

"Taming of the Shrew." Theatre Royal.

Friday, Feb. 16.

Annual meeting Diocesan Refuge.

Ordinary annual meeting of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

Dramatic Performance. St. Joseph's College 9 p.m.

Rajput Sports, U. S. R. C. ground.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1912.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).

20th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th February.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

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THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and the ENCLOSURE during the Race.

A Stand and Enclosure will be reserved for Members and Members' Wives and Families. Tickets for which will be sent out with the Members' Tickets.

All Tickets must be produced to gain admission.

Special accommodation will be reserved as in recent years for Chinese Ladies and their Female attendants in the Stand erected on the left of ground next to the Lusitano Club Stand.

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NO CHILDREN under the age of 14 years will be admitted into the Enclosure.

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PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to the Under-Secretary on MONDAY, 19th instant.

No Servants will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during the Race Day WITHOUT TICKETS, which can be had on application to the Under-Secretary. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit them and the holders the seat will be removed from the Enclosure.

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The following are the weights for the Footchow Cup (a handicap) to be run on TUESDAY, 22nd February.

	Hds.	in.	St.	Lbs.
Kiangwan	13.	0	70.	7
Oil King	13.	0	10.	8
Limington	13.	1	10.	10
Mandolin	13.	2	11.	1
Amy's	12.	3	10.	0
Caprice	12.	3	10.	0
Roryth	13.	1	10.	10
Merry Scot	13.	2	10.	9
Claris	13.	1	10.	12
Opella	13.	0	11.	0
Paventy	13.	1	10.	12
Brushwood Boy	13.	3	10.	7
Royal Rose	13.	2	11.	7
Marriage	13.	0	11.	1
White Lilac (late 13.)	13.	1	11.	1
Joe Mighty	13.	0	10.	10
Andromed	13.	0	10.	10
Drumblith	13.	2	11.	6

H. P. White,

Handicapper.

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ary 1912.

Entry Forms will be obtainable on

application at the Weighing Room under

the Grand Stand at any time during

the Three Race Days.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-THIRD MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 8, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1912, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1911.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on 23rd February to 7th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors. H. F. HICKMAN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th Feb., 1912. 168

CHINA NEW YEAR AND RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 19th instant, and at 11.45 a.m. on TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY, the 20th, 22nd and 23rd instant respectively.

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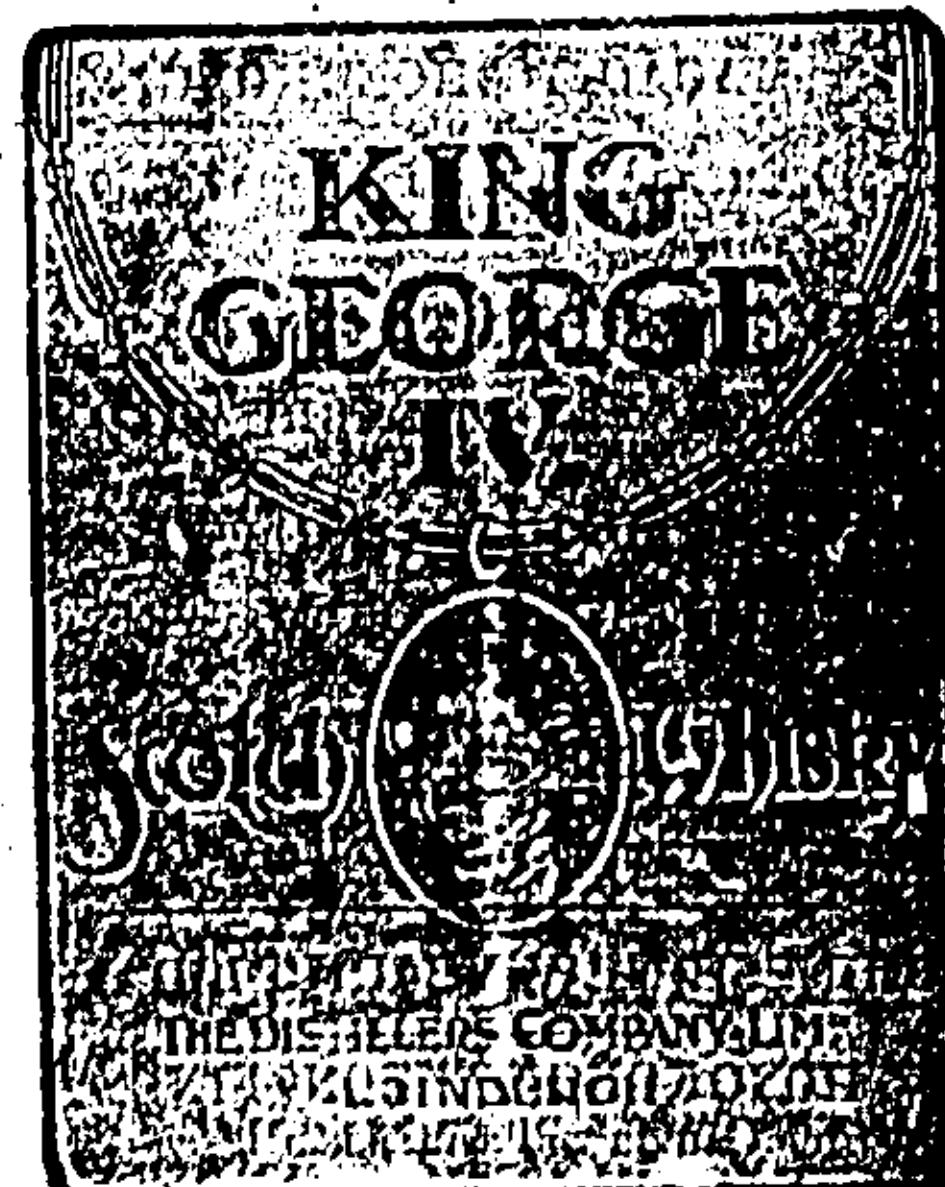
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Hongkong, 16th February, 1912.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

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Sailings from Hongkong and from St. John, N.B.

"E. of Japan" ... Sat., Feb. 24	"E. of Ireland" ... Fri., Mar. 22
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"E. of India" ... Apr. 20	"E. of Ireland" ... May 17

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For Steamship On

SINGAPORE, PENANG, LAISANG* ... Thursday, 22nd Feb., Noon.	SHANGHAI ... UANGSANG ... Friday, 16th Feb., Noon.
SHANGHAI ... UANGSANG ... Friday, 16th Feb., Noon.	MANILA ... CHONGSANG ... Saturday, 17th Feb., 2 p.m.
TIENTSIN ... CHONGSANG ... Saturday, 24th Feb., Noon.	MANILA ... YUENSANG ... Saturday, 24th Feb., 2 p.m.
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Telephone No. 216. General Managers.
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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

PROJECTED HOMEWARD SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For	STEAMERS	DATE OF DEPARTURE
LONDON & ANTWERP	CARMARTHENSHIRE	14th March.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	GLAMORGANSHIRE	15th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	DEN OF GLAMIS	3rd March.

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JOINT SERVICE OF
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HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

HONGKONG TO CANTON CANTON TO HONGKONG
THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

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EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

The Company's Steamship, "SUI AN"

will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 a.m. Departure from Macao at 5 p.m.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

Steamers to and from Canton will run as usual.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

There will be no steamer from Macao at 7.30 a.m. or steamers from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday, the 18th inst.

There will be no 8 a.m. steamer from Hongkong or 2 p.m. steamer from Macao on Monday, the 19th inst.

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The s.s. "HOI SANG" will run as usual.

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The s.s. "SAINAM" and "NANING" will run as usual.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
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Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, LAISANG, COLOMBO, SUKUT & PORT SAID ...	KAMO MARU, Capt. H. Sumner, T. 9,000 AKI MARU, Capt. K. Homma, T. 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb., Daylight. WEDNESDAY, 13th March, Daylight
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE ...	YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, T. 5,000 NIKKO MARU, Capt. K. M. de, T. 6,000 TAMBA MARU, Capt. E. Noe, T. 7,000	FRIDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon. FRIDAY, 15th Mar., at Noon. TUESDAY, 26th March, at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA ...	KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Higino, T. 7,000 KAWANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, T. 6,000	THURSDAY, 29th Feb., at 11 a.m. WED'DAY, 13th March, Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE ...	BOMBAY MARU, Capt. Noma, T. 5,000 COLOMBO MARU, Capt. J. Teranaka, T. 5,000	WEDNESDAY, 14th Feb. WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb.
SHANGHAI & KOBE ...	KIRIN MARU, Capt. D. Noguchi, T. 4,000	MONDAY, 26th Feb.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO ...	HAKATA MARU, Capt. H. Nomura, T. 6,000	THURSDAY, 22nd Feb.

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Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
KAMO MARU	9,000	F. L. Sommer	Feb. 28th.
AKI MARU	7,000	K. Homma	Mar. 13th.
MISHIMA MARU	9,000	A. C. Moore	Mar. 27th.
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Higino	April 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	7,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
MIYASAKI MARU	9,000	T. Mura	May 22nd.

FOR SEATTLE.

INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	Feb. 27th.
YAMBA MARU	7,000	K. Noda	Mar. 26th.
SANUKI MARU	7,000		April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
INABA MARU	7,000	S. Tomimaga	May 21st.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.
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T. KUSUMOTO,
Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	STEAMERS	To Sail
SHANGHAI ...	"CHINHUA" ...	16th Feb., 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBOANGA & AUSTRALIAN PORTS ...	"CHANGSHA" ...	16th " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ...	"ANHUI" ...	7th " M'night.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO ...	"KAIFONG" ...	27nd " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ...	"CHENAN" ...	2nd " 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI ...	"LINAN" ...	24th " M'night.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO ...	"TAMING" ...	27th " 4 p.m.

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"Suevia" ... 18th Feb.

"Teigravil" ... 7th Mar.

"Suevia" ... 18th Mar.

"C. Ferd. Leszcz" ... 2nd April

"Silhonia" ... 10th April

"Suevia" ... 26th April

"Bjorn" ... 8th May

For Further Particulars, apply to—

HOMEWARD.

For Havre, Hamburg & Antwerp:

S.S. "Silcia" ... 18th Feb.

For Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

S.S. "Saxonia" ... 17th Feb.

For Marseilles, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

S.S. "Ambia" ... 27th Feb.

For Havre & Hamburg:

S.S. "Goldenfels" ... 5th Mar.

For Marseilles, Havre, Rotterdam & Hamburg:

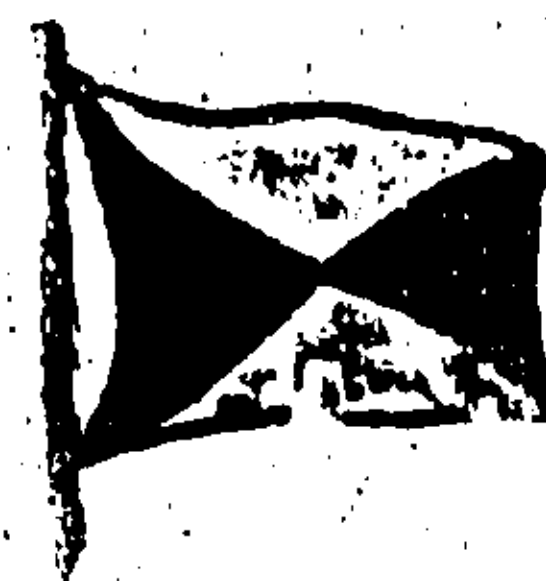
S.S. "Pien-sen" ... 14th Mar.

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg:

S.S. "Suevia" ... 20th Mar.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1912 [12]



HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES. PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	SATURDAY, 17th Feb., 4 p.m.
RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	THURSDAY, 23rd Feb., 4 p.m.

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1912. [14]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between
JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tjimanock	JAPAN	1st half Feb.	JAVA	1st half Feb.
Tjimali	JAVA	1st half Feb.	SHANGHAI	2nd half Feb.
Tjilatap	SHANGHAI	1st half Feb.	JAVA	2nd half Feb.
Tjitaroen	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.
Tjipanas	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Mar.
Tjibodas	JAVA	1st half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half Mar.
Tjililong	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.

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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	21,000	W. W. Green	Feb. 16th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	Mar. 8th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	Mar. 15th, Noon.
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Apr. 9th, Noon.

† These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Scows. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office. The triple screw steamer "CHIYO MARU" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on FRIDAY, the 16th February, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.
The steamer "NI PUN MARU" 11,000 tons Capt. A. G. Stevens, will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honoluli on Friday 8th March, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

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Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of sailing
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, Feb. 17, Noon.
Buyo Maru	10,500	Tuesday, April 9, Noon.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.

The steamer "KIYO MARU" will be despatched for MEXICAN, PERUVIAN and CHILEAN PORTS via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.

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Shanghai 21th Dec. 1911.

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LOG BOOK

Shipping in 1911.

The following is the half-yearly circular issued by Messrs. H. E. Moss & Co., of Liverpool, London, and Newcastle-on-Tyne:—

It is gratifying to record that the anticipations as to the improvement in the prospects of steam shipping, as stated in our semi-annual circulars of January and July last, have been more than amply fulfilled, especially during the last six months, and what is more satisfactory the improvement still continues, and in our opinion is likely to do so for some time to come. We fully expect that during 1912 and 1913 steamship owners will reap a reward such as they have not experienced during the last decade. The tonnage afloat is well distributed. Our imports and exports, although very much in excess of previous years, still grow, and we feel convinced that the volume of trade will continue to increase, not only in our own country, but also abroad, and particularly in Canada and the United States of America after the next Presidential Election. The anticipated opening of the Panama Canal in 1913, and the development of trade in China, which cannot now be much longer delayed, are all factors which are certain to create a demand for steam shipping which will quite absorb the large amount of tonnage now building, and which cannot possibly be delivered for months after the contract dates, owing to the general shortage of skilled labour which builders are experiencing as well as the difficulty in obtaining material.

Many of the large cargo steamers building for sale for fortunate contractors, and nearly completed, have been sold at handsome profits. Very few new steamers remain unsold, and it is difficult to obtain them as the prices vary so frequently. The cost of building has increased during the last twelve months fully 15 per cent., and will go higher still, as steel plates will be further advanced in price this month. Now, steamers of 7,500 tons deadweight approaching completion could be bought a year ago for £37

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The remarkable advertisement which is quoted above appeared in the "Times" a few weeks ago, and after a chase which extended as far afield as the East German frontier the author of it was found in London. Physically, "Unconventional's" appearance accords with his quaint advertisement. Standing over 6ft. in his shoes he is a perfect example of a robust, healthy young man. Straight, erect, with muscles like bands of steel, his deep blue eyes set in a face tanned with the sun of five continents, he wore an air of refinement that one associates with the gentleman born and bred. "Ask me what you like and say what you please," he remarked breezily to a "Daily Sketch" representative "so long as you stick to what is true. My name? Well, my father is the squire of a (mentioning the title of a well-known country family), but for obvious reasons I do not wish it published. I was born in 1879, and in 1900, on coming of age, I succeeded to a fairly large sum of money.

Got Through a Fortune. I am making no excuses for myself; I played about until the whole was gone. In 12 months I had not a penny left. From the day I was 22, that is for the past 10 years, I have been a wanderer on the face of the earth. I have lived and studied in all quarters of the globe. A gentleman of fortune, if you like. I have squatted with trappers in Central Siberia, hunted bison on the slopes of the rocky mountains, rounded up the herds on the ranches of Texas and Arizona "swatted" for silver in Mexico, prospected for gold in Kimberley and Johannesburg. I know some parts of the African desert better than I know the Strand, and I have lived for months amongst the Chinese studying their habits in Canton. Somewhere there is someone who has a use for my peculiar abilities. I know no fear. That is my one great asset. I make no boast of this, for there is no merit in it for me. I was simply born with no sense or personal danger. I have been in all kinds of scrapes, my hands and arms, almost every part of my body, as you can see, is scarred, but now I am stuck in London and I want some honest hard work that no one else can do. Someone wants sables from Siberia or puppies from Peking, something the like of which cannot ordinarily be obtained. I can get them. A botanist wishes a rare orchid from the hinterland where possibly man's foot has never trod. I will bring it. I tell you I can," added "Unconventional," with emphasis. I always accomplish that which I set out to achieve.

A Price for Murder. Did I get many replies to my advertisement? I should say so. There were between 70 and 80, some of them of the weirdest description. The offer of employment ranged from the murder of a Cabinet Minister to common arson. Here is one from a famous baronet—you recognise him at once. He has two sons in a foreign land prospecting for

gold. Owing to a mistake on the part of the Government the claims have been registered wrongly and their real claim is one almost adjoining, containing a much richer vein. Now this has been pegged out by an old Indian who has the reputation of having knifed a few "jumpers" already. As he bears the reputation of being an altogether desperate old man the sons are naturally chary of enforcing their argument. The father coolly suggests that I "jump" the claim for him. As he declines to part with a penny until the "jump" has been effected, I am afraid we can't do any business. Here is another letter addressed from a small Kentish town, as you see. Read it. It is brief and to the point: "What are your terms for murdering?" (a member of the Government). Although I have satisfied myself that the letter was written by the man who signed it, I do not for one moment suggest that it was written seriously. Still, it is remarkable that a man will place a document of that kind in the hand of a stranger.

To Marry a Mother-in-law. Here is one, if anything, more remarkable still. There can be no doubt that it was written in all seriousness, for I have been in communication with the writer for over a week. The signatory, you will see at once, is a man holding a high position in English society. He wants me to marry his mother-in-law. He is perfectly frank. The woman is the kind of his existence, has the instincts of a viper, has slandered everyone in her set, has paid heavy damages in one famous libel action, and has settled over so many more. He tells me quite generously that she "nagged" her first husband to death, and suggests that I marry her and take her away from his home. Now I may tell you of one tempting offer that I am not indisposed to consider. Here is an agreement on which I can draw £500 directly I sign. There is an abduction, a special train, and a steam yacht at sea for an indefinite period if the matter is carried through. Somehow it appeals to me; and although the net is illegal from the facts that are before me, I feel that morally I should be doing quite right. I don't want to be barred from my native land, though, not even for £500, much as I want it. It was on this matter I had to go to Germany. Now, can you find someone who wishes to avail himself of my peculiar abilities?"

PIN-PRICKS.

It takes a really great man to disregard pin-pricks, either metaphorical or actual. That is why, we suppose, most of us get far more annoyed at either kind than we ought to do. For most of us are average men, that is to say, neither much bigger nor much smaller, not much better and not much worse than our fellows. And this weakness we share in common—that we are all too apt to worry over the little things of life. The V.C. who thinks nothing of having his arm or leg shot off cannot express (with any satisfaction to himself) his feelings when his collar-stud disappears under the cloak of drawers and he is already two minutes late for dinner. We have known City magnates, however, who have been thoroughly upset for days on discovering that they have parted with a ten-shilling piece in mistake for a sixpenny bit. These things cannot be helped, we suppose; yet, is it not strange that woman is quite free from bother concerning pin-pricks, either actual or metaphorical? Not so strange, in reality. For, of course, the actual pin-prick she never suffers from. A woman can use a hundred pins a minute and never get a scratch, whereas a man cannot pick up one in the street without getting stung—if you will pardon the expression. As for the metaphorical pin-prick, we incline to think that women's minds are too full of the things that really matter—such as dress and hats—to worry about the minor troubles of life. The "Globe."

POST OFFICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

Sunday, the 18th instant, being Chinese New Year's Day, the Post Office will be entirely closed.

Monday, the 19th instant, having been declared a Bank Holiday, the Post Office will be open for one hour only, from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m.

There will be a delivery of letters and a collection from the pillar boxes as on Sunday.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupei, Szechuan, Hunan, Kweichow and Tongyueh.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London to Shanghai, 24th Jan. to 27th Feb. 1912.

Shanghai to London, 10th Feb. to 13th Feb. 1912.

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EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN.

(Late Letters 11.00 a.m. to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday, inst., at 5 p.m. Per De-filling, 21st Feb., 11 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Lahang, 22nd Feb., 11 a.m. Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Seattle-maru, 22nd Feb., noon.

Shanghai—Per Cheonan, 22nd Feb., 8 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Kaifong, 22nd Feb., 8 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Nile, 23rd Feb., noon.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.O.) Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Empress of Japan, 23rd Feb., 5 p.m.

Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 23rd Feb., 5 p.m.

Manila, Cebu, Hilo, Anapara, Yap, Friedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Har, Teraboh, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Luncheon, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle—Per Col-vent, 24th Feb., 9 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 24th Feb., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Hilo—Per Yuen-sung, 24th Feb., 1 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.O. Seattle and Washington—Per Inabimaru, 27th Feb., 10 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The Dodwell New York Line s.s. Pathan left Foochow yesterday, and is due on the 16th inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Himalaya left Shanghai on the 14th inst., at 5 a.m., and is due here on the 16th inst.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Persia sailed from San Francisco on the 18th inst., for Hongkong, and is due to arrive on the 12th prox.

ARRIVALS.

Hongkong, Br. s.s., 789, Cornhill, 14th Feb.—Halphong, Pak-hoi and Hoihow 18th Feb. Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Mathilde, Ger. s.s., 831, Ulders, 14th Feb.—Halphong, Pak-hoi and Hoihow 18th Feb. Gen.—J. & Co.

Tjinhai, Dutch s.s., 2,088, W. H. Lap, 14th Feb.—Java Coast 17th Jan. Gen.—J. O. J. L.

Dovre, Nor. s.s., 738, F. Sigvald, 14th Feb.—Chaoan 19th Feb. Gen.—Wo Yick S. S. Co.

Asahi Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,849, Nakano, 14th Feb.—Dairen 7th Feb. Coal—M. B. K.

Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,772, Aikawa, 14th Feb.—Wakamatsu 8th Feb. Coal—M. B. G. K.

Aughin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chr. Kumpel, 14th Feb.—Hoihow 18th Feb. Gen.—B. & S.

Northbrook, Br. troopship, 2,966, C. W. Shearman, n.m., 14th Feb.—Rangoon 17th Feb.

Bombay Maru, Jap. s.s., 8,398, J. T. Naguchi, 16th Feb.—Singapore, Gen.—N. Y. K.

Heimann, Dr. s.s., 641, A. H. Stewart, 16th Feb.—Swatow 14th Feb. Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Assaye, Br. s.s., 4,359, G. W. Cookman, n.m., 15th Feb.—Bombay 31st Jan. and Singapore 10th Feb. Mail and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Loongmoon, Ger. s.s., 1,371, W. Vogeler, 16th Feb.—Canton 14th Feb. Gen.—H. A. L.

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